

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0018 with the following rewritten paragraph 0018:

**[0018]** The following classes of compounds, and examples thereof, are provided as being suitably employed in the practice of the embodiments taught herein: (1) amines with a pKa in the range 4 to 10, such as alkylamines, ammonia (in equilibrium with ammonium hydroxide), ethanolamine derivatives, pyridine derivatives, amino acids; (2) carboxylic acids with a pKa in the range 4 to 10, such as mono- and polycarboxylic acids having 20 carbons or less, such as acetic, adipic and succinic acids; (3) buffers (organic and inorganic) with a pKa in the range 4 to 10, such as Trizma ((tris)hydroxymethylaminomethane), MOPS (4-morpholinopropanesulfonic acid), MES (4-morpholinoethanesulfonic acid), sodium acetate, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium dihydrogen phosphate, and (4) phosphonates and organic phosphates, such as 1-hydroxyethylene-1,1-diphosphonic acid. The compound 1-hydroxyethylene-1,1-diphosphonic acid is available as DEQUEST 2016 from Solutia, Inc. (St. Louis, MO).